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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FOR SEIZURE OF COCAINE IN PERU IN 1981 BY PERUVIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

	SEIZURES IN KILOGRAMS	
PERUVIAN CUSTOMS	1980	1981 (JAN.-JUNE)
COCAINE PASTE	465.9	272.5
COCAINE BASE	20.0	7.8
COCAINE HCL	46.7	2.8

PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP)	1980	1981 (JAN.-OCT)
COCAINE PASTE	3,345.4	2,494.5
COCAINE BASE	1,409.9	34.0
COCAINE HCL	153.0	75.4

NOTE: CUSTOMS STATISTICS ARE INCLUDED IN PIP TOTALS

GUARDIA CIVIL (GC)	1980	1981 (JAN.-OCT.)
COCAINE PASTE/BASE	1,136.2	1,726.8
COCAINE HCL	6.2	2.5

NOTE: GUARDIA CIVIL DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PASTE AND BASE.

2. WE REALIZE THERE ARE INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE 1980 STATISTICS CITED AND THOSE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY. THE PRIMARY DIFFICULTY WITH PERUVIAN STATISTICS IS THAT ALL SEIZED DRUGS MUST, BY LAW, BE TURNED OVER THE THE PIP AND PIP RECORDS CUSTOMARILY INCLUDE ALL SEIZURES BY CUSTOMS AND SOME BY THE GUARDIA CIVIL. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A REPORTING SYSTEM TO OVEECOME THIS PROBLEM, AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATELY CORRECT. ANOTHER DIFFICULTY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GROSS AND NET WEIGHT OF DRUGS SEIZED. THE GUARDIA CIVIL AND CUSTOMS GENERALLY REPORT THE GROSS WEIGHT OF DRUGS AND THE PIP, AFTER EVALUATING THE COCAINE IN ITS LABORATORY, REPORTS THE NET WEIGHT (I.E. AFTER REMOVAL OF PACKING MATERIAL AND EXCESS LIQUID) WHICH CAN BE 10-15 PERCENT BELOW GROSS WEIGHT. FOR EXAMPLE, GC REPORTSFOR JAN.-OCT. 1981 INDICATE 1992 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE PASTE/BASE SEIZED WHILE THE PIP LABORATORY GIVES THE GC CREDIT FOR THE 1,726.8 KILOGRAMS CITED ABOVE.

3. GIVEN THESE CAVEATS, THE STATISTICS INDICATE THAT EH PIP IS WELL BELOW ITS 1980 SEIZRE RATE AND THE GUARDIA CIVIL IS WELL ABOVE ITS PAST PERFORMANCE. WE ATTRIBUTE THE GUARDIA'S IMPROVED PERFORMANCE TO INCREASED INTERDICTION EFFORTS ON AMAZON RIVERS THAT HAVE RESULTED IN TWO VERY LARGE SEIZRES OF COCAINE PASTE TOTALLING ABOUT 800 KILOGRAMS. NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS IS A SEIZURE OF ABOUT 170 KILOGRAMS OF PASTE/BASE MADE BY THE GC'S RURAL PATROL UNIT (UMOPAR) IN LATE OCTOBER BUT NOT OFFICIALLY RECORDED UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER.

4. PERUVIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ALSO SEIZE SMALL QUANTITTIES OF MARIJUANA (APPROXIMATELY 300 KILOGRAMS IN 1981) AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF COCA LEAVES (OVER 13 TONS BY THE GUARDIA CIVIL IN 1981), AS WELL AS OTHER NARCOTICS AND CHEMICALS USED TO PROCESS COCA LEAVES.

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